

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING HONEYCOMB BODY AND DRIVING SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A system for drying at least a honeycomb body according to claim 9, further comprising water-removing means for preventing water drips from attaching on that surface of the transparent partitioning wall constituting a part of the drying bath which is nearer to the drying bath.

Please add new claim 15 as follows:

--15. A system for drying at least a honeycomb body according to claim 10, further comprising water-removing means for preventing water drips from attaching on that surface of the transparent partitioning wall constituting a part of the drying bath which is nearer to the drying bath.--

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